Payment due to Maharashtra from National Textile Corporation

5990. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has been demanding an amount of rupees six crores from Natinal Textile Corporation for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details of the payment to be made;

(c) the reasons for delay in payment and the action taken by the Union Governemnt in this regard; and

(d) the time by which this amount would be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d). The Central Government owes a sum of Rs. 6,17,40,189 to Government of Maharashtra since 1989 towards payment of decretal amount to the Punjab National Bank on account of guarantee given by the Central Governemnt and the Governemnt of Maharashtra for sanctioning working capital to India United Mills under NTC (MN), Bombay. The said amount would be paid to Government of Maharashtra, through National Textile Corporation, soon.

Closed of Woollen Mills

5991. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of All India Woollen Shodi Mills has submitted a memorandum to the Government regarding closure of some wollen mills;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) The reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association in its memorandum to this Ministry (original appeal to Hon'ble Finance Minister) represented that the Budget of 1992-93 had burdened the Shoddy Industry with over 200% increase in custom duty on import of Woollen/Synthetic rags and that it would lead to closure and industry would be wiped out completely unless immediate relief was announced.

(c) The Government has already restored the duty to the prebudget level.

Construction of Bridges on National Highway in Uttar Pradesh

5992. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals for construction of new bridges on National Highways in Uttar Pradesh pending with the Union Government for approval for the last three years; and

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are no proposals for construction of new bridges on National Highways in Uttar Pradesh pending with the Ministry for the last three years.